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Serial No. 09/235,770) Issue Branch
Filed: January 25, 1999) Conf. No. 4196
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)
AND METHOD FOR FORMING)
THE SAME)

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**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Notice of Allowability and Issue
Fee Due form mailed February 11, 2003.

The Notice of Allowability did not, however, include an initialed Form PTO-1449
acknowledging the Information Disclosure Statements filed November 8, 2000; March
28, 2001; March 13, 2002, and May 24, 2002. Therefore, it is respectfully requested
that the Examiner evidence consideration of the references cited in the Information
Disclosure Statements of November 8, 2000; March 28, 2001; March 13, 2002, and
May 24, 2002 by providing a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449.


With regard to the Information Disclosure Statements filed March 7, 2001 (which
was partially considered) and September 25, 2002, the Official Action attached to the
Notice of Allowance asserts that these Statements fail to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)
because they do not include a concise explanation of the relevance of each patent that
is not in the English language. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Several of the
references include a concise statement, as indicated in the Form 1449. Furthermore,
some of the references lined-through by the Examiner were submitted in English or with

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a translation. Finally, most of the remaining references were submitted with an English language abstract. As noted in MPEP 609 (III)(A)(3), each of these submissions satisfies the requirement for a concise explanation in accord with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3). In view thereof, consideration of the submitted information and return of initialed 1449 forms evidencing such consideration is respectfully requested.

If a conference would be beneficial in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,


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